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Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed July 22, 2004 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

The applicant has argued that Kikuchi US 4,657,415 fails to anticipate the rejected claims because the step of rotating the carriage about the rod to make the latch member engage the chassis part is allegedly not found in Kikuchi. The applicant argues that the carriage of Kikuchi is only translated along the rod rather than rotated around the rod.

The examiner disagrees. As made clear from figures 2 and 3 when the gap is adjusted (during the latching of the carriage in the desired platen gap position) the carriage is moved in direction 25. This is due to rotation of the carriage about rod 15 by means of the shoe 17. While Kikuchi may not use the word "rotate" it is clear from figures 2 and 3 and column 3, lines 40-43 that the vertical movement of the rear end of the carriage resulting in a horizontal change in the gap is the product of a rotation.

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Blaise Mouttet who may be reached at telephone number (571) 272-2150. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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